

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure.

Please add the following new Abstract of the Disclosure:

A manufacturing method for an electrode for discharge surface treatment is disclosed and includes mixing an electrically insulating hard matter powder with powder formed from a conductive matter. The resultant powder mixture is put into a press mold and compression-molded to form an electrode for discharge surface treatment. Further, the conductive powder is employed as a binder and is used to coat the electrically insulating hard matter powder to generate discharge in a discharge surface treatment. Electric discharge is generated between an electrode and a treatment target material by a discharge surface treatment power-supply unit, and a hard coat.